**CHAPTER 2, LANGUAGE AND COMMUNICATION**

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

READ

[Black Women’s Blueprint / An Open Letter from Black Women to the SlutWalk](https://www.huffingtonpost.com/susan-brison/slutwalk-black-women_b_980215.html), Huffington

Post, 2011 (letter)

Praises SlutWalk organizers for seeking to end the shaming of sexual assault victims but asks

them to reconsider the appropriation of “slut”.

[A Brief History of Singular ‘They’](https://public.oed.com/blog/a-brief-history-of-singular-they/), Dennis Baron, *Oxford English Dictionary*, September 4,

2018 (blog post)

A history of singular “they” and plural “you”.

[SlutWalk Toronto, Why](https://web.archive.org/web/20130603055004/http%3A//www.slutwalktoronto.com/about/why) (website)

Why the SlutWalk movement began and appropriating the word “slut”.

[The Slants on the Power of Repurposing a Slur](https://www.nytimes.com/2017/06/23/opinion/the-power-of-repurposing-a-slur.html), Simon Tan, *The New York Times*, June 23, 2017 (opinion / article)

The reappropriation of a slur by an Asian American band.

LISTEN

[The British “Mx.” Tape, The World in Words](https://www.pri.org/stories/2018-03-14/british-mx-tape), March 19, 2018, 27 mins (podcast)

The use of Mx. as an alternative title has caught on in Britain.

[English and Gender](https://podcasts.ox.ac.uk/english-and-gender), Deborah Cameron, University of Oxford, October 21, 2011, 16 mins

(podcast)

Explores theories about the use of language by women and men. Are we really so different?

[Lost in Translation: The Power of Language to Shape How We View the World](https://www.npr.org/2018/01/29/581657754/lost-in-translation-the-power-of-language-to-shape-how-we-view-the-world), Hidden Brain,

January 29, 2018, 35 mins (podcast)

Different languages you speak make you stretch in different ways.

[The Three-Letter Word That Rocked a Nation](https://www.pri.org/stories/2018-03-15/three-letter-word-rocked-nation), The World in Words, March 27, 2018, 29 mins

(podcast)

The use of the gender-neutral pronoun “hen” in Sweden.

[‘Yo’! Baltimore Kids Create a Pronoun](https://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=18567465), Alison Stewart, National Public Radio, January 31,

2008, 8 mins (news story)

Kids in Baltimore use ‘yo’ as a pronoun and a discussion of language and gender.

WATCH

*The Vagina Monologues: Reclaiming Cunt*, Eve Ensler, Writer & Director, HBO, 1 hr 16 mins

(performance art)

Based on the 1996 play, this monologue explores this taboo word.